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MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents
FROM: Secretary Vilaseca 
CC: Principals
Sheriff Roger Marcoux, Lamoille County Sheriff's Department
David Tucker, Executive Director, 911 Board
SUBJECT: E-911 Compliance - Summer 2013
DATE: July 9, 2013

A collaborative effort is being undertaken this summer between the Agency of Education, the Office of the Lt. Governor, the Vermont State Police, the Vermont Sheriff's Department, and the Enhanced 911 Board, as well as the Vermont Superintendents Association in an effort to comply with [30 V.S.A. § 7057](#).

This effort comes out of legislation Section E.235 of Act 50 of 2012 (H.530), where it is stated:

Sec. E.235 Enhanced 9-1-1 Board

(a) Up to \$75,000 of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.235 of this act shall be used to ensure that on or before January 15, 2014, the Enhanced 911 Board, in coordination with the Secretary of Education, shall provide technical assistance and guidance to school districts to comply with the requirement in [30 V.S.A. § 7057](#) that accurate location information is associated with each landline telephone installed in a school. The General Assembly anticipates the Board will seek a budget adjustment if insufficient funds are available within this appropriation.

This effort is focused on E911 location identification and is of utmost importance this year as it enables the 911 system to more quickly identify the location of certain emergency callers, which assists law enforcement, fire, and emergency personnel in responding to critical or urgent situations in our state's schools. Your cooperation and assistance in making this a smooth operation is appreciated.

The specific task being undertaken this summer involves school buildings and their 911 location identification. Through the weeks of **August 5-9 and 12-16**, local law enforcement will be visiting school buildings for a 911 location identity test. Law enforcement officials in your town or region will be going to each school building, using one random telephone location in that building, and placing a 911 call. The 911 office will then be cataloging the location that is registered when that call is received. This information will be shared with the school and reported to the E911 Board as they catalog public school buildings statewide around E911 compliance.

This coordinated effort seeks your assistance in providing a point of contact at each of the buildings in your district or Supervisory Union. Local law enforcement will be contacting the superintendent's office prior to the two-week period mentioned above to gather contact information and schedule appointments if necessary. It is hoped that personnel on the ground at each location can allow entry into the building and point the official to a phone to place the 911 call. The contact person for each building could be any school staff; this individual will only need to *provide access to a phone* within the building for the law enforcement official to perform the "test".

Further information about this exercise can be obtained by contacting Sheriff Roger Marcoux, Lamoille County Sheriff's Department at 802-888-3502 or David Tucker, Executive Director, Enhanced 911 Board at 802-828-4911.

To recap:

- Your local or regional law enforcement personnel will be contacting your superintendents' office to obtain contacts at each school building. All buildings within the district or SU should be included. Expect contact to take place in late July.
- During the weeks of August 5-9 and 12-16 law enforcement officials will arrive at the school building and place a random 911 call from a location within the building. The call status will be cataloged.
- Follow-up with schools will continue into the Fall as the effort continues to assist schools that have been determined to have E911 compliance issues.

